



The Constitution

University of Manitoba League of
Conservative Students (UMLoCS)

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Preamble:

This constitution is the guiding document for our league in all matters of organization and practice.

Article 1: Official Name & Affiliation

Section 1. The official name of the league shall be known as: The University of Manitoba League of Conservative Students, in abbreviation the club shall be referred to as (UMLoCs)

Section 2. UMLoCS is not in anyway, endorsed, affiliated, sponsored or funded by the Conservative Party of Canada. Rather, we are an independent group who believe in traditional values and right leaning policies.



Article 2: Purpose of the Club & Mission Statement

The purpose of UMLoCS shall be to: Facilitate **civil** political discourse. To further advance our members worldview and to discuss, educate, challenge, and advocate for conservative policies. To promote camaraderie and provide a welcoming space for all students to discuss political ideology. To well represent the conservative students of the University of Manitoba and to help spread our philosophy and ideology. To also participate in events and activities in our community and to be a positive impact.

Article 3: Membership

Section 1. UMLoCS is a closed membership club allowing undergraduates and graduate students of the University of Manitoba, so long as they affirm, they align with our political scope of conservatism. UMLoCS shall maintain a minimum of 10 UMSU students.

Section 2. UMLoCS reserves the right to revoke membership to those who do not align with our political viewpoints. However, they may still be permitted to attend functions and activities hosted by UMLoCS to encourage **civil** discourse and debate.

Section 3. UMLoCS reserves the right to revoke membership of those who have been deceitful in their membership admission and are believed to have gained entry solely to be provocative.

Article 4: UMSU Compliance

UMLoCS will follow all bylaws, policies, and procedures of the University of Manitoba Student's Unions (UMSU) especially those found in the UMSU student Clubs Policies and Procedures document.

Section 1. Members found in breach of article 4 of the constitution may be found in contempt of club regulations and subject to expulsion from UMLoCS.



Section 1.1 Executive members found in breach of article 4 of the constitution may be found in contempt of club regulations and subject to impeachment, and immediate expulsion from UMLoCS.

Article 5: Executive Positions and Their Duties

The below is a composition of the Executive Position of UMLoCS and their duties

A. President

- I. To attend, moderate and guide the meetings of UMLoCS
- II. Act as a signing authority as required by UMSU
- III. To adjudicate members found in contempt of Article 3, Section 2 & 3
- IV. To be the primary liaison of contact for UMSU and other clubs & associations.
- V. To assist in coordination of events, meetings, and other activities of UMLoCS
- VI. To act as the primary lobbyist on behalf of UMLoCS
- VII. To assist in the amendment and countermanding of articles of the constitution and other governing documents of UMLoCS
- VIII.

B. Vice President (VP)

- I. To attend, moderate and assist in the guidance of meetings of UMLoCS
- II. Act as a signing authority on behalf of UMLoCS as required by UMSU
- III. To assist in the collection and keeping of documents and other data for UMLoCS
- IV. To offer guidance on the amending of the constitution and other governing documents.
- V. To adjudicate members found in contempt of Article 3, Section 2 & 3.
- VI. To assist in the budgeting and financial aspects of the club.

C. Aide de Camp (ADC)

- I. To attend all meetings of UMLoCS
- II. Assist in preparation of events.
- III. Aide the office of the President & Vice President



- IV. Hold signing authority on behalf of UMLoCS
- V. To adjudicate members found in contempt of Article 3, Section 2&3

Article 6: Elections, Conditions of Office, and Assumption of Office

All UMLoCS elections will be held for the office of the Presidency every 3 years, on the condition the President is still enrolled in the University of Manitoba and will occur no later than March 31st.

The first presidential assumption of office will go to Liam Pittman, founder of UMLoCS and will hold the presidency in concordance with the prior paragraph, he will also appoint his administration.

Prior to election, the Executive Officers will nominate an Election Overseer (EO) of their choice. **Not** limited to a current member of the club and not a person who is intending to or has committed to running for election. The Election Overseer shall also hold the position of President Pro-Tempore. Those holding the dual position of President Pro Tempore and Election Overseer, hold all the duties and wield the executive authority of President **except: Ratification of the Constitution.**

The duties of EO & President Pro Tempore:

1. To oversee and administer the elections
2. To inform members of UMLoCS of the upcoming election
3. To administer and tally the votes for office of the President
4. Announce the results elections to it's members and formally inform UMSU of the next Executive.

Election procedures

1. Nominations for the Presidency may be self-declared. As long as they are a member in good standing at the time of nomination and during their campaign
2. The campaigning period will be brief in order to provide a smooth transition and operational function and procedure. It must be a minimum of 3 days and a maximum of 7 days. The length will be determined 3 days prior to the campaign period



- and will be determined by the members via email, with options being given by the current administration.
3. Voting will be conducted in person (**unless** excruciating circumstances do not allow for such) and will be held on the day of the end of the campaign period.
 4. Each member has the right to a private ballot except for review by the EO who will swear or affirm they will not violate ballot privacy.
 5. The ballots will be collected by the EO from the designated voting area and the results will be counted x3 to ensure accuracy.
 6. All members will be permitted **one** vote. Those found to attempt to vote multiple times will be subject to adjudication and may face removal of membership.
 7. Members who are not able to vote may fill out an absentee ballot and submit prior to elections OR may fill out a voting authorization form to allow another member to deliver their ballot for them.

Article 7: Transition of the Executive

- A. During the period from the end of the second week of April until the first day of May, the new executive team will assume office, the departing Executives will orient the newly elected officials to their roles and positions. They must also transition all property owned by UMLoCS to the newly elected officials, this includes but is not limited to: (officer materials, club records, data collection, membership census, social media accounts and all things associated to finances)
- B. The President will ensure that all submissions of Executive Transition Forms, and other required documentation, codes, passwords, have been passed on to their predecessor ensuring a smooth transition.
- C. It is the duty of the departing administration to bring up to date all accounts to the end of the fiscal year, and to transition any financial assets or other items of importance to those who are now assuming office.



- D. The incoming administration will hold all accountability of financial records, club records, and possessions of the club and must further maintain and adhere to UMSU policy.
- E. The nominees may name their VP as well as ADC during the campaign period but are **not** required to do so. However, the President must appoint their VP and ADC within 24 hours of confirmation of winning the election. The President also assumes all duties of their administration (VP & ADC) during the 24-hour period.
 - i. If a President has not named a VP & ADC within 24 hours, the Vice Presidency will be given to the campaigner with the second most number of votes this is to be confirmed by the President Pro Tempore, and the position of Aide De Camp will be given to the candidate with the third most number of votes.
 - ii. If there was only one person running for the nomination, the first **MEMBER** to volunteer may assume the position of VP or ADC without Presidential approval.
 - iii. Any attempt to remove a VP volunteer from office by the President will result in a league-wide vote for the impeachment of the current president and the election will continue.
 - iv. The President Pro Tempore, if willing will remain the President Pro Tempore and maintain his office of EO. If they are not willing a new President Pro Tempore and EO will assume the office and the election will restart as defined in Article 6.

Article 8: Vote of Confidence & Special election.

As the elections are held every 3 years, the members of UMLoCS may hold a vote of confidence to confirm or remove the current President of the club and their administration. The procedure is outlined below.



Section 1

1. A member of the club must declare by way of written format (email or pamphlet) that they wish to call a vote of confidence.
2. They must then get $\frac{1}{2}$ of the membership to concur, and sign that they wish to call a vote of confidence.
3. A date of at least 5 days away must be determined to call the vote. And all members will be informed via email.
4. All members attending will then vote, they must receive a majority of at least 65% of the votes to remove the President from office.
5. Once the President is removed, he will provide and transfer **ALL** necessary information, property, and other information to the President Pro Tempore.

Section 2 Special Election

The person who initially called for a vote of confidence will then nominate a President Pro Tempore and Election Overseer which can be themselves (so long as they are not running for election in the special election) this person will immediately assume the office of President Pro Tempore and Election Overseer. The President Pro Tempore will then select a campaigning start date not to exceed 2 weeks from the date of removal of the former President. The election will then follow the procedure, excluding the start dates, outlined in article 6. The President Pro Tempore will then, to the best of his ability, transfer all information, data, property, etc to the new President.

Article 10: Amending of the Constitution and Executive Power.

Amendments to the constitution may be made by the President so long as he has the approval and review of his administration. Amendments shall be noted and publicized at the next public meeting immediately following amendment. Changes may also be proposed by members of the club, submitted to the President publicly at a meeting. If the President concurs with the proposed amendment, he may use his executive power to amend the constitution. The President may also amend the constitution to remove any grammatical issues or conflicting articles so long as he notifies his administration and may also chose to notify the membership.



In the case of a member disagreeing with a new amendment or change, they may garner 5 co-signatures to propose a group wide vote to nullify the change or amendment at the **next meeting** after they obtain their cosignatories. They must then gain 65% of the vote to nullify the changes.

Article 11: Conduct Unbecoming of a Member

Should a member of UMLoCs display conduct unbecoming of our organization including but not limited to; misallocation of funding, harassment of a fellow University student or faculty member, any form of racially motivated attacks, verbal or non-verbal, or any other type of display deemed unbecoming conduct, the Presidency and administration reserve the right to immediately terminate membership as well as bar them from meetings, and **ALL** functions and if deemed necessary report them to the appropriate University office or if applicable law enforcement agency.

Article 12: Authorized Logos and Motto

Section 1. The official motto of UMLoCS will be be: *Liberatas, Pax, Iustita*, meaning Liberty, Peace, and Justice, something our league strives to emulate, advocate and propel in our community.

Section 2. Authorized Logos

The below logos are to be used only for official documents, posters, signs, emails, posts on social media, promotion of our league or any other thing deemed appropriate by the current administration's office.

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